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City of Falls Church Declares Local Emergency, Residents Urged to Prepare for Hurricane Sandy

City Manager Wyatt Shields signed a Declaration of Local Emergency for the City of Falls Church at 4 p.m. today in response to Hurricane Sandy. The hurricane is projected to impact the City with heavy rain and damaging winds from late Sunday night through Tuesday night.

This storm is expected to produce rainfall of between 5 and 10 inches in our area, which could cause localized flooding. The City expects significant tree damage, and residents, businesses and visitors should plan for widespread power outages as a result.

What Residents Can Do to Prepare

- Get emergency supplies like flashlights, batteries, water (one gallon per person and pet per day), food (including for pets), and medicine. Withdraw extra cash.
- Charge electronic devices now in case of power outages. Laptops, cell phones, and tablets allow residents to obtain emergency information.
- Keep leaves out of the curb gutter to help water flow.
- Ensure outside items in yards and on decks and patios are secure.
- Prepare for flooding, especially if your home is in the floodplain. Remove valuables from the basement or place on shelves. Use sandbags to help divert water.

Key Phone Numbers

- Power Outages: Dominion Virginia Power, 1-866-DOM-HELP (1-866-366-4357)
- Downed Trees or Power Lines: Police Dispatch, 703-248-5053
- (Stay away from downed lines!)
- Traffic Light Outage: Police Dispatch, 703-248-5053

Stay Informed

- Storm tracking: www.weather.gov
- Alert System (www.alert.fallschurchva.gov)
- City Website (fallschurchva.gov/CFCstorm)
- Facebook (facebook.com/CityofFallsChurchGov) and Twitter (twitter.com/FallsChurchInfo)
- 1680 AM Radio
- Citizen Info Line, 703-248-5200

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